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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include the priority information for this application. Claims 3, 9-11, 13-14, 16-18, 20, and 26-27 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2, 4-8, 12, 15, 19, 21, 25, and 28-37 have been amended for the purpose of reducing the filing fee. New claims 38-44 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-2, 4-8, 12, 15, 19, 21-25, and 28-44 are pending.

In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly requested.

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